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Navy Completes Well Testing

The Navy has completed private well-testing at Crooked River Plantation. This testing was part of the effort to define a plume of groundwater contaminated with vinyl chloride.

The contamination is due to leakage from the old Camden County Landfill. Residents of Crooked River Plantation were asked in September to discontinue use of their wells as a precautionary measure and to notify the Navy so that the wells could be tested.

Roughly 51 of the 95 identified wells in the subdivision were tested to assist in the investigation.

The analytical results of the testing should be available in December. Residents will be informed at that time of the results. In the meantime, other phases of the groundwater investigation will continue through early December.

Also, as part of the Installation Restoration Program (IRP), the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is developing a community relations plan which will outline ways that the community will be informed and involved in the program at the base.

The IRP is conducted at all military bases to identify and clean

up conditions from past operations which do not meet today's environmental standards.

The community relations plan is being developed with suggestions offered in interviews with local citizens, elected officials and the media.

The plan will include a schedule of public meetings, distributions of fact sheets, a public information file and press releases, as suggested by the community.

The plan will be a public document kept in a public information file which will be established in late January.